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### **SEA Approves Contract**

*First Day of School – Sept. 4*

**SEATTLE** – Seattle Education Association (SEA) educators approved a 3-year collective bargaining agreement (CBA) this evening, August 27, 2019.

Seattle Public Schools Superintendent Denise Juneau said: “This was an important day and the approval of the contract was an important moment. I want to send out a big thanks to the joint bargaining teams. Now it's time to get to the crucial work of educating our students. We are looking forward to seeing them again and when they come back to school on September 4<sup>th</sup>, they'll be met by a dedicated team of the best educators in the country.”

Educator compensation was a consistent priority throughout the negotiations.

This contract allows SPS to retain and attract great educators, which include paraprofessionals, substitutes, and office professionals.

Additional mutual priorities in the contract include:

- Expansion of school-based racial equity teams.
- Expansion of social and emotional supports, including increased nurses and counselors.
- Additional professional development opportunities for all our educators, with a focus on racial equity.

More contract information will be posted on the [SPS website](#) over the next several days.

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